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- 1) WO 03/23808
- 2) JP 2001-222958
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6) Uchiike, et al., "All About Plasma Display Panel", Kogyo Chosakai Publishing, Inc., May 1, 1997, pp. 79-80.

References 1) to 5) include an English language abstract, and Reference 6) includes a partial English language translation.

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